Sec. 1. Therefore, be it and it is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the board of Commissioners of said county, be empowered, at their discretion, to assess the said property owned by said county in said city, equitably and in a ratio with the value of other property within the corporation of said city, and to pay annually on the amount of said assesment, a pro rata sum equivalent to that paid by other property in said city, corresponding to its relative value, towards the interest of the debt incurred by the causes above recited. and also, if they deem proper, an equitable and pro rata sum annualy, to the sinking fund established or which may be established for the final extinguishment of the debt by the said Mayor and City Council of Hagerstown, and further, that the said Commissioners of Washington county be empowered to levy an annual tax for carrying out the purposes of this bill, or pay the same out of any money not otherwise appropriated.

Which was read and adopted, and

The bill was then read the second and by special order the third time, and passed by yeas and nays as follow:

AFFIRMATIVE.

Messrs. Billingslea,
Bowie,
Davis, of Caroline,
Davis, of Washington,
Earle,
Frazier,
Henkle,
Jump,
Kimmell,

Mackall,
Maddox,
Spates,
Stephenson,
Stirling,
Tome,
Trail,
Vickers17.

NEGATIVE-None.

Said bill was then returned to the House of Delegates.

Mr. Stephenson, from the Select Committee, to which was referred the bill entitled, an Act to authorize the city of Cumberland to bridge the Potomac;

Reported it without amendment.

The bill was then read a second time.

Mr. Stephenson moved a call of the Senate.

The Sergeant-at-Arms was sent to inform the absent Senators that their attendance was required in the Senate chamber.

On motion by Mr. Mackall,

Further proceedings under the call were dispensed with.